

DHAMMA STUDY AND PROPAGATION FOUNDATION

Introduction

The Dhamma Study and Propagation Foundation is an association formed by lay people in Thailand, with the aim of encouraging the study of Buddhism according to the Pali Tipitika. They have radio programmes daily throughout Thailand, produce books, tapes and articles. I think their material is an invaluable aid to help understand the teachings of the Buddha (The Dhamma) correctly. The Buddha did not want us to be scholars with just intellectual understanding. Above all, the teachings are to be practised in our daily life. However, if the theory is wrong, the practice will be wrong. I quote from the Middle Length Sayings II, 72:

"You ought to be at a loss, Vaccha, you ought to be bewildered. For, Vaccha, this dhamma is deep, difficult to see, difficult to understand, peaceful, excellent, beyond dialectic, subtle, intelligible to the wise; but it's hard for you who are of another view, another allegiance, another objective, of a different observance, and under a different teacher."

Dhamma is deep and difficult to see. The first step of the development of insight should be the clear intellectual understanding of realities and their functions without the idea of self.

The articles are mostly by a Dutch authoress, Nina Van Gorkom. She is a well-informed and concise writer. Sometimes her material is in question and answer form about problems posed by ordinary people in their daily practice - problems we all have.

The tapes are mostly conversations with Khun Sujin Boriarnwanaket. She is the principal teacher of the Foundation and discusses with endless patience questions from monks and layfolk alike.

Wisdom is the greatest gift, better than any kind of property. Even if we live a busy working life, we can understand our life better. Dhamma is life and life is Dhamma. Seeing, hearing, thinking, feeling and attachment are realities which arise now, whatever we are doing. They are ready to be understood, ready to be insighted, ready to be enlightened.

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BOOKS by Nina Van Gorkom:-

Buddhism in Daily Life (A)
Abhidhamma in Daily Life (A)
Pilgrimage to Sri Lanka (B)

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Journey in Egypt and Turkey (Discussions on Paramis), Part I-III, B (8, 9
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- Dear Susie, Jataka 28th July 1982, B (5)
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- Dear Blanche, 15th July 1982 (Calm before Insight?), B (9)
- Dear Khun Charupan, Jataka, July 15th 1983, (Letter about Fear), B (10)
- Questions from Australia - Siobhan Kilmartin (Characteristics of Visible Object), B (4)
- Dear Goh, The Hague, July 22, 1976 (We cannot strive for awareness), B (7)
- Dear R., May 25, 1977, The Hague, (Useful Speech in Daily Life), B (4)
- Dear Susie, October 25, 1981, Jakarta, (Life with a Partner), B (5)
- Dear Goh, June 26th, 1976, The Hague, (Cittas arising in a process), B (8)

BOOKLETS by Nina Van Gorkom

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- Stages of Insight, Part I-III, B (11, 12, 11)
- Loving Kindness, Part I-IX, B (13, 8, 99, 11, 9, 7, 8, 8, 7)
- *Lecture of the Buddhist Association of Thailand, broadcast 25th March 1973, B (9)

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Discussions with Khun Sujin Boriharnwanaket

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